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In re Application:

Chow et al.

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METHOD TO COMMUNICATE PHY MEAN SQUARE

ERROR TO UPPER LAYER DEVICE DRIVER FOR RATE

NEGOTIATION

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 28, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 28, 2006, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

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